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BALTIMORE MAN INDICTED FOR IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today a federal grand jury has indicted Ronald Edward Ector, age 28, of Baltimore, Maryland, for impersonating an officer of the United States.

The four-count indictment, which was returned yesterday, charges Ector with impersonating a Deputy United States Marshal on January 12, 2006, and in that role, falsely detaining someone and demanding \$2,000 in cash. The indictment also charges Ector with unlawfully possessing a firearm and body armor, after previously being convicted of a felony.

According to police reports, Ector was arrested after witnesses called police to report an armed robbery. Upon arrival, Baltimore City Police officers found Ector and the victim, who had been handcuffed. Ector was wearing body armor under a jacket labeled "Police." He was also carrying a loaded handgun.

Ector faces a maximum penalty of 3 years in prison for impersonating an officer and ten years in prison for illegal possession of a firearm.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the investigative work performed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Dwyer, who is prosecuting the case.